

# ROAD TEST

## EQUIPMENT

The motorcycle you use for your Class M road test should be safe and in good working order. Your road test will be canceled if the examiner believes your motorcycle is unsafe. Additionally, you must show the examiner your motorcycle's registration document and a valid inspection sticker.

Motorcycles registered in Massachusetts must undergo an annual safety inspection and receive a passing inspection certificate.

If your motorcycle is registered out of state, you will have to show the examiner proof of insurance coverage equal to Massachusetts' minimum limits, which are \$20,000/\$40,000 for bodily injury and \$5,000 for property damage.

As a motorcycle operator, you must also wear a US DOT standard helmet. State law requires your helmet to comply with the US DOT's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218. Helmets meeting this standard will be labeled with stickers on the interior and exterior of the helmet.

When operating a motorcycle, operators must wear eyeglasses, goggles, or a protective face shield, unless the motorcycle has a windshield or screen.

## **ROAD TEST PROCEDURES**

Road tests are scheduled close together; you must be on time for your test. If you are late for your appointment, you will not be tested and you will be required to pay the road test fee.

Before your road test begins, the RMV examiner will inspect your motorcycle to insure that it is registered, properly insured, inspected, and that all equipment is in good working order. The RMV examiner will also assess your knowledge of motorcycle equipment and controls.

For the road test, the RMV examiner will observe your ability to operate a motorcycle. Your road test will consist of some or all of the following riding skills:

- “Figure-Eights” and “360° Circles” in both directions without your feet touching the roadway
- Normal starts and stops
- Driving in traffic
- Crossing intersections
- Making turns
- Riding up and down hills

If you fail two (2) motorcycle road tests for a Class M license, you must enroll in and successfully complete the basic riding course approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles prior to scheduling another road test.

## **COMMON REASONS FOR FAILING A ROAD TEST**

- You were at fault in an accident with another motor vehicle, pedestrian, or object.
- You were driving in a way that may have caused an accident or in a way the RMV examiner considered dangerous.
- You violated a motor vehicle law, rule, or regulation.
- You demonstrated a lack of experience safely operating a motorcycle.
- You refused to follow the RMV examiner’s instructions.
- You drove contrary to the RMV examiner’s instructions.